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Institution for Massage by the Blind.
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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

OF

THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND

for the Year ending 31st March, 1916.

(The Accounts are for the year ending 31st December, 1915.)

The Council of The National Institute for the Blind beg leave to present to the members, subscribers and friends of the Institute their report of another year's work.

Publishing Department.

As a result of the completion and equipment of the new buildings of the Institute the output of Braille books has been greatly increased. The figures for the year 1915 are as follows :—

Large bound volumes	14,624
Magazines	30,773
Newspapers	94,947
Pamphlets, Music, etc.	14,660
	155,004

Two-page book plates to the number of 23,950 were prepared, being more than three times the number for the previous year.

In consequence of the war, materials have been much more costly and more difficult to obtain ; nevertheless the Council have felt justified in so reducing the price of Braille books that no volume now exceeds 2s. 6d. Full sized volumes formerly averaged 3s. 9d. each. The reduction is due firstly to the generous response to the President's appeals in 1914-15, and secondly to the better equipment of the publishing department.

The Institute has taken over the "Braille Weekly Edition of the *Daily Mail*," and Lord Northcliffe has kindly undertaken to subsidize it to a considerable extent, and thus assist in increasing its size and circulation. The paper has been considerably enlarged and is being edited by the Institute's General Editor, Mr. Le Breton Martin. In its new form it is much appreciated by blind readers.

The Council have tendered their warmest thanks to Lord Northcliffe for his sympathy and ready help in this important matter.

The publication of Braille music, which ranks hardly less in importance to that of literature, has been greatly extended, and the eminent blind musician, Mr. H. C. Warrilow, F.R.C.O., has been engaged to take charge of it. Mr. Warrilow will also act as the Institute's Organist and Director of Music.

The extension of the publishing department has enabled the Council to provide suitable and remunerative employment for a much larger number of educated blind persons than formerly.

The thanks of the Council have been conveyed to the authors and publishers who, from time to time, have freely granted permission to the Institute to publish their copyright works in embossed type for the use and benefit of blind readers.

Appliances for the Blind.

In consequence of the great difficulty the Institute has long experienced in obtaining a sufficient supply of well-made appliances for the use of the

blind, the Council have decided to make these, and have accordingly acquired suitable factory accommodation near their headquarters. The requisite machinery is being installed so that the work may be started forthwith.

Irish Branch.

In July, 1913, the Council opened a Dublin Branch with Mr. W. Rochfort Wade as Secretary. They have now extended the work so as to cover the whole of Ireland, and Mr. Wade now holds office as Secretary for Ireland. Mr. Wade, who is himself without sight, has done much to create interest in the blind of his country, and the Council bespeak for him kind co-operation and support. The Council have reason to believe that in their next report they will be able to record a great extension of work in Ireland, where it is sorely needed.

Moon Society Branch.

The work of the Moon Society at Brighton has been maintained with great vigour. The output of books in the Moon system has shown a steady improvement both in quality and quantity, the following being the figures for 1915 :—

Bound volumes, magazines, &c.	9,453
New book-plates	3,951

The Council regret that the income of the Moon Society has been insufficient for its maintenance. This has necessitated the bestowal of grants from the National Institute amounting in the aggregate to £650. The great value of Moon books among the adult blind is the justification for an earnest appeal so that the work shall not languish for lack of funds.

A separate report of this Branch will be issued to subscribers and will also be sent to anyone else who will apply for a copy.

Home Teaching Society.

This branch of the Institute is now housed in the Institute's new buildings, 224-6-8, Great Portland Street, W. The accommodation consists of commodious offices and a large and well-equipped library. The Institute is represented on the Home Teaching Society's Committee by Sir Arthur Pearson, Bart., (President), Dr. A. W. G. Ranger (Chairman), Capt. E. B. B. Towse, V.C., (Vice-Chairman), Mr. Arthur Henry (Member of the Council), and Mr. Henry Stainsby (Secretary-General). On the resignation of Dr. F. K. Aglionby, Chairman of the Committee of the Home Teaching Society, Sir Arthur Pearson was unanimously appointed Chairman, and Sir Reginald MacLeod, K.C.B., Vice-Chairman.

The work of the Society has recently been extended by the appointment of 9 additional blind teachers, making 24 in all.

The National Institute has financially assisted its Home Teaching Branch by making good its deficiency on joining the Institute, and its bank overdraft at the close of the year, the total sum being £1,035 2*s*. 5*d*.

A separate report of this branch is issued and will be sent to all subscribers. Copies may be obtained from its Secretary, Miss M. A. Gilbert.

Massage Branch.

It was stated in the last Report that the National Institution for Massage by the Blind had passed under the management of the National Institute and had become one of its branches.

The accommodation provided in the new buildings of the Institute includes class room, dressing rooms, gymnasium and office. The gymnasium and class room are fully equipped with modern appliances, consisting of apparatus for remedial exercises, articulated skeleton, sets of bones, reproductions of various parts of the human body, and an exceedingly valuable life-size model of a human being, so constructed that every organ is removable, and every muscle, nerve, bone, etc., fully defined. This model has been presented to the Massage Branch by friends and admirers of the late Dr. Fletcher Little, largely through the efforts of Mr. John Tennant, Chairman of the late Institution for Massage. A legacy of £50 bequeathed by the late Dr. Fletcher Little will be used to assist students who have passed under his tuition to take the certificate of the Incorporated Society of Trained Masseuses.

Miss Agnes E. Keen and Messrs. F. G. Brighurst and R. Veary Smith have been appointed instructors, and the first examination of students conducted by the Incorporated Society of Trained Masseuses was held in January-February, 1916. Every student of the National Institute passed, Percy L. Way being first with distinction on the list of 189 candidates. Norman Webb, another of the Institute's students, was 6th with distinction. The full results were as follows :—

FULL DIPLOMA.

Percy L. Way, 1st on list with distinction.
Norman Webb, 6th on list with distinction.
J. Lloyd Johnstone, M.R.C.S. 16th on list, 72 per cent. marks.
D. Hill Cook, 70 per cent. marks.
Captain Gerald Lowry, 70 per cent. marks.

D. W. Johnston, 65 per cent. marks.
Mrs. E. M. Mary Stanhope, a student of the Institute trained at The Central School for Massage (Mrs. Hoghton Stewart), also took the full diploma with 67 per cent. marks.

PART I. OF THE EXAMINATION—all blinded soldiers.

Private T. Milligan, } 7th on list.
Private W. G. Sewell, }
Private A. V. Law, 9th on list.
Private A. J. Woollen, 11th on list.
Private E. Bates, } 17th on list.
Private H. W. Kirby, }

There is every probability that for each student a well-salaried post will be found.

For the present the work of this branch will be solely devoted to the training of blinded soldiers and sailors from St. Dunstan's.

Subscriptions and donations will be warmly welcomed for this branch of the Institute's work.

Blinded Soldiers and Sailors.

The work of the now famous St. Dunstan's Hostel (founded by The National Institute for the Blind, the British Red Cross Society and The Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England), is so well known as to require but a brief reference here. The President of the Institute (Sir Arthur Pearson, Bart.), as Chairman of the Blinded Soldiers' and Sailors' Care Committee will be glad to send a full report of the work carried on at St. Dunstan's to anyone interested in it. Sir Arthur Pearson devotes practically the whole of his time to the management of St. Dunstan's.

The National Institute, in addition to undertaking the training of the blinded soldiers and sailors in massage and telephony, has made itself responsible for the provisioning

and housekeeping of St. Dunstan's and its annexes. It has, moreover, undertaken the After-Care of the men when the work of training at St. Dunstan's is finished and they have been placed in their own homes in various parts of the Kingdom. This interest in the men and their work will be continued by the National Institute for the whole of their lives. It is obvious that a very large sum of money will be required for this purpose, and the Council appeal for generous contributions for this truly national work.

The Council have acquired the site of their old buildings, 206, Great Portland Street, and 71, Bolsover Street, and the adjoining site, 204, Great Portland Street and 72, Bolsover Street, and have entered into an agreement to erect thereon suitable premises as the headquarters of the After-Care Branch. The work of this branch will be, primarily, to assist the blinded soldiers and sailors, but it is intended later to link up with it the after-care of the scattered blind home-workers, of whom there are many thousands. This work must therefore develop into one of great magnitude and importance.

Financial help to Societies for the Blind.

The Council of the Institute have made it a part of their mission to assist Societies for the Blind which are in need of financial and other help. During the year 1915, £5,479 was thus expended, while the current year will show a much larger sum. Conspicuous among the Societies assisted in 1915 was the Sunderland and Durham County Institution for the Blind. In 1914 this Institution was compelled to close its doors owing to the lack of funds. The National Institute thereupon undertook to pay the average wages of the blind workers and continued to do so until the Institution was again opened. Visits have from time to time been paid to Sunderland by the President and Secretary-

General, the result of the last visit of the President being that the Right Hon. Samuel Storey undertook to raise sufficient funds to put the Institution on a firm basis, provided the National Institute would contribute £1,000. This was agreed to and Mr. Storey was successful in raising a further sum of £6,228 (himself contributing £500) making £7,228 in all. The total amount required was £7,210.

The Sunderland Institute is now in a high state of efficiency.

Uniform Type. Since the issue of the last Report a conference of representatives of the American Association of Instructors of the Blind and the American Association of Workers for the Blind has been held at San Francisco, at which the British Uniform Type Committee was represented by Miss H. C. Russell. Upon her return to England Miss Russell reported fully on the proceedings of the Conference, the result of her report being that a resolution was passed by the British Uniform Type Committee and transmitted to the Council of the National Institute, who in turn forwarded it to America, as the findings of the British Uniform Type Committee.

The resolution was as follows :—

"This Committee wishes to convey to those workers among the blind in the United States who have made themselves responsible for the issue of the Standard Dot System an expression of their deep appreciation of the efforts to evolve a satisfactory uniform type for the English-speaking blind.

"This Committee notices with regret the tone of the resolutions submitted to them, inasmuch as this leads them to infer that the Standard Dot System is regarded by its promoters as one from which no radical departure can be made.

"This Committee, however, after having studied the system as far as time allowed, feels very strongly that there are likely to be insuperable difficulties in the way of the adoption by the blind community in the British Empire of any tactile type of which an essential feature is the variable base.

"At the same time this Committee wishes to emphasise most clearly its view that no new system of tactile type, on which so much care has been expended, as in the case of the Standard Dot System, can be accepted or rejected without most careful consideration, particularly in view of the immense importance of the discovery of a satisfactory uniform type. In the opinion of this Committee this can only be given after lengthy experience of the advantages and disadvantages of the system has been gained.

"The members of this Committee will exercise their influence to aid in the making of such practical tests and experiments on this side of the Atlantic.

"The Committee realises that the greatest benefit to the blind community is the object at which all interested wish to arrive, and will consider the advisability of advocating the claims of the Standard Dot System should it be proved that this system possesses substantial advantages over the system at present in vogue here."

Since the transmission of the foregoing resolution a letter has been received from the American Uniform Type Committee (now the Commission on Uniform Type for the Blind), suggesting that an investigation of the merits of British Braille should be conducted by America and Great Britain with a possible view to making British Braille the basis of a uniform system. Steps are now being taken to enlist the co-operation of representative societies for the blind in Great Britain to accomplish this desirable object.

Conference of Educators of the Blind.

In June, 1915, the Council convened a Conference of teachers and others interested in the education of the blind for the purpose of considering and recommending what new books and appliances should be

produced by the Institute for use in schools and colleges for the blind. A thoroughly representative and well attended gathering was the result and much valuable information was collected and subsequently classified. A Sub-Committee was appointed by the Conference to consider the suggestions and to make definite recommendations. The effect of these will be the provision by the Institute of a considerable quantity of up-to-date educational books and appliances.

The Council are indebted to their President, the Chairman of their Book Committee and to the President and Staff of the Board of Education for bringing this matter to a successful issue.

Braille Examination.

During the year thirty-seven persons obtained the Institute's Certificate for proficiency in Braille. Since the opening of St. Dunstan's *fourteen* blinded soldiers have taken this Certificate. The speed with which the men at St. Dunstan's acquire a perfect knowledge of the Braille system is remarkable. It is doubtless attributable to three reasons, first that, apart from what my be termed the "accident" of blindness they are normal healthy men, second, that each has a separate teacher, and third that the lessons are short and frequent. In conducting the examination (which is for blind and sighted people), the blinded soldiers have been treated just like other examinees, neither asking nor receiving any special facilities. This makes their success the more commendable.

Reduced Postage on Embossed Literature.

Arising out of the visit of a deputation from the Committee of the International Conference on the Blind to the Postmaster-General in 1912, and of an

appeal to him by the President of the Institute in 1915, the following reductions have been made as from 1st January, 1915, in postage between the United Kingdom and all parts of the British Empire, and between the United Kingdom and the United States of America :—

New Rates.	Old Rates.
Up to 18 ozs., ½d. per 2 ozs.	Every 2 ozs. ..... ½d.
Over 18 ozs., but not exceeding 6 lbs. .... 5d.	
Maximum weight, 6 lbs.	

The foregoing concessions are in addition to those mentioned in the last Report.

New Vice-Presidents.

Mrs. E. R. MacNicol and Mr. H. L. Harford have been unanimously elected Vice-Presidents of the Institute in recognition of distinguished service rendered to the cause of the blind.

Chaplain.

In consequence of his appointment to the living of East Lydford, Somerset, the Rev. H. J. R. Marston, M.A., has resigned his position as Chaplain. The Council desire to place on record their warm appreciation of the valuable services Mr. Marston rendered to the Institute and to the cause of the blind during the period he held the office. He has been appointed Hon. Chaplain, and will, as far as his parochial duties allow, continue to serve the Institute as formerly.

Finance.

The Audited Statements of Account, which are appended to this Report, show how great and far-reaching are the activities of the Institute.

The great expansion of work, together with the occupation of the Institute's extensive new buildings, result in much larger figures both on the side of Income and of Expenditure, but a full year must elapse before anything like normal figures can be ascertained. It is, however, certain that each succeeding year will necessitate the raising of an increased sum if the far-reaching work of the Institute is to be extended.

The Council desire to place on record their warm appreciation of the generous help given by many thousands of friends in the past and plead for a continuance of it in the future so that the work may grow and prosper.

Conclusion. In conclusion the Council desire to thank Almighty God for the great success which has been accorded to the work of the Institute.

STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNT.

For the Year ending 31st December, 1915.

Income and Expenditure Account.

Building and Equipment Fund Account.

Balance Sheet.

Treasurer's Fund Account.

Dr. **Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 31st December, 1915.** *Cr.*

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Subscriptions	763	7	6			
,, Donations and Collections	6,747	0	9			
,, Special Donations towards Book Plates	33	18	8			
,, Donations, Necessitous Blind Fund	9,999	17	10			
				17,544	4	9
,, Transfer from Treasurer's Fund				6,000	0	0
,, Special Donation £25, War Scrip Vouchers, transferred to Balance Sheet				—		
,, Income from Investments—						
Rents	200	13	2			
Dividends on Investments	651	2	3			
				851	15	5
,, Interest on Deposit ...				184	1	7
,, Income received from The Worshipful Company of Clothworkers, Trustees of The Armitage Memorial Fund ...	122	0	0			
,, Armitage Fund for the Employment of Blind Workers	96	13	6			
				218	13	6
Carried forward				£24,798	15	3

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d
By Paper, Printing and Binding Materials, etc.... ...	5,594	4	3			
,, Salaries, Wages and Allowances	7,677	14	3			
,, Rent, Rates, Taxes, and Insurances	737	6	3			
,, Repairs and Renewals ...	444	3	10			
,, Fuel, Light, Water and Power...	613	16	2			
,, Postage and Carriage ...	830	1	9			
,, General expenses... ...	934	17	11			
,, Expenditure on account of Special Book Plates ...	201	17	6			
				17,034	1	11
,, Necessitous Blind—Relief and Expenses				9,655	12	4
,, Grants—						
St. Dunstan's Hostel for Blinded Soldiers and Sailor's, Regent's Park	1,500	0	0			
Sunderland Institute for the Blind	1,210	9	10			
Massage Branch ...	296	14	5			
The Moon Society ...	650	0	0			
The Home Teaching Society	638	9	5			
Carried forward	£4,295	13	8	£26,689	14	3

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward				24,798	15	3
To Sale of Books, Apparatus, etc.				6,522	5	4
,, Sundry Receipts				9	10	4
,, Legacies—						
Exors. of the late Wm. Johnston	50	0	0			
Exors. of the late Miss Amy Sarah Nicholes...	271	17	1			
Exors. of the late Col. Arthur Percival Deaman Birchall ...	200	0	0			
Exors. of the late William Parkinson Clarke ...	100	0	0			
Exors. of Miss M. Harker Smith ...	500	0	0			
Exors. of the late John Dyke...	70	0	0			
Exors. of the late Rev. W. J. Sawyer on a/c...	2,220	10	11			
	3,412	8	0			
Less Legacy of the late Rev. W. J. Sawyer, transferred to Balance Sheet...	2,220	10	11			
				1,191	17	1
,, Excess of Expenditure over Income				254	2	2
				£32,776	10	2

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ...	4,295	13	8	26,689	14	3
By Grants—						
The Norwich Institution for the Blind ...	50	0	0			
The North London Home for Aged Blind ...	25	0	0			
The East London Workshops for the Blind ...	10	10	0			
Brighton Blind Relief Society	15	0	0			
Home of Rest for the Blind, Brighton ...	1,200	5	0			
Oldham League of the Blind	10	0	0			
				5,606	8	8
,, Legal Expenses	73	2	10			
,, Expenses, San Francisco Conference	154	5	6			
,, Armitage Fund for Employment of Blind Writers	102	18	11			
,, Death Duties (payment in respect of Legacy of the late Rev. W. J. Sawyer)	150	0	0			
				480	7	3
				£32,776	10	2

Building and Equipment Fund Account.—31st December, 1915.

Dr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Donations and Collections, etc., to 31st Dec., 1914	74,036	9	8			
,, Donations and Collections, etc., to 31st Dec., 1915	698	0	5			
,, Interest on deposit ...	333	0	3			
				75,067	10	4
,, Balance of Transfer from General Fund, 1914	2,244	18	0			
Less Re-payment, 1915 ..	2,244	18	0			
,, Plant and Machinery transferred from General Account ...	929	7	9			
,, Furniture (transferred from ditto)	137	13	6			
				1,067	1	3
				£76,134	11	7

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Depreciation, 31st Dec., 1914				192	3	2
,, Ditto, Plant and Machinery, 31st Dec., 1915	340	17	10			
,, Ditto, ditto, transferred from General Account	85	12	0			
				426	9	10
,, Ditto, Furniture, 31st Dec., 1915	50	7	7			
,, Ditto, ditto, transferred from General Account	4	1	0			
				54	8	7
,, Transfer of Investments to General Account, 1914				17,227	11	11
,, Transfer to General Account, 1915— Balance of Leeds Embossed Books Fund (now invested) ...				56	3	7
,, Expenses on Opening Ceremony, 1914 ...				171	18	7
				18,128	15	8
,, Transfer to General Account— (Advance to Sunderland Institute for the Blind, 1914) ...				126	17	8
				18,255	13	4
,, Balance, transferred to Capital Account for Building and Equipment				57,878	18	3
				£76,134	11	7

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance, transferred to Capital Account for Building and Equipment	57,878	18	3	By Building, Architects' Fees, etc., to 31st Dec., 1914	25,326	14	4			
				,, Building, Architects' Fees, etc., to 31st Dec., 1915	16,573	1	6			
								41,899	15	10
				,, Plant and Machinery to 31st Dec., 1914, £2,272 12 0						
				,, Ditto, ditto, to 31st Dec., 1915, £1,763 1 11						
				£4,035 13 11						
				Less Depreciation, £340 17 10						
					3,694	16	1			
				,, Plant and Machinery at 31st Dec., 1914, transferred from General A/c. £855 19 9						
				Additions 1915, £73 8 0						
				£929 7 9						
				Less Depreciation, £85 12 0						
					843	15	9			
								4,538	11	10
				,, Furniture at 31st Dec., 1914, transferred from General Account, £40 10 0						
				Additions 1915, £97 3 6						
				£137 13 6						
				Less Depreciation, £4 1 0						
					133	12	6			
Carried forward ...	£57,878	18	3	Carried forward	£133	12	6	£46,438	7	8

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ...	57,878	18	3			

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	133	12	6	46,438	7	3
By Furniture and Fittings to 31st Dec., 1914, £503 15 10						
,, Ditto, ditto, to 31st Dec., 1915, £1,167 18 1						
£1,671 13 11						
Less Depreciation, £50 7 7						
	1,621	6	4	1,754	18	10
,, Payments to Adjoining Owners, to 31st Dec., 1914				299	14	4
,, Rent, to 31st Dec., 1914	740	10	9			
,, Ditto, to 31st Dec., 1915	60	8	4			
				800	19	1
,, Legal and General Expenses to 31st Dec., 1914	195	5	4			
,, Ditto, ditto to 31st Dec., 1915	102	6	10			
				297	12	2
,, Advance to Treasurer's Account (since repaid)				1,000	0	0
,, Purchase of Organ, for Armitage Hall (on account)				1,250	0	0
,, Interest on Loan from General Fund 1914...				73	7	10
,, Purchase of Leasehold (999 years), 224-228, Great Portland Street				1,250	15	0
,, Deposit Account ...	5,650	0	0			
,, *Less* Overdraft ...	936	16	8			
				4,713	3	4
£57,878 18 3				£57,878	18	3

Dr. **BALANCE SHEET for the year ending 31st December, 1915.** *Cr.*

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Sundry Creditors ...	1,305	7	1			
,, Leeds Embossed Books Fund transfer from Accumulated Funds invested as per Contra	1,283	15	6			
,, Ditto (Cash received for supply of Braille Books, not delivered at 31st December, 1915) ...	21	3	6			
,, Special Donation from Messrs. Sloper Bros. for Endowment of bed (to be invested)	50	0	0			
,, Transfer from Building and Equipment A/c. for Grant made to Sunderland Institute for the Blind, 1914	126	17	8			
				2,787	3	9
,, Reserve, Balance as at 31st December, 1914 transferred to Accumulated Funds, £175	—			—		
,, Capital Account— Building and Equipment				57,878	18	3
,, Treasurer's Fund (as per contra)				19,334	9	5
Carried forward				£80,000	11	5

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Investments—						
Freehold Ground Rents, Balfour Road, Ilford, at cost	3,780	0	0			
George Street, Camberwell	1,800	0	0			
Freehold House, 243, Marylebone Road, N.W.	1,000	0	0			
				6,580	0	0
,, War Loan (Leeds Embossed Books Fund) ...				1,283	15	6
,, £4,000 New Zealand 4 % Stock	3,950	6	0			
,, £4,000 New South Wales 4 % Stock	3,947	16	0			
,, £4,271 18*s.* 11*d.* Gold Coast 4 % Stock ...	4,192	3	0			
,, £4,000 South Indian Railway 4 % Debentures	3,909	15	0			
,, £1,000 (£1 Shares), Sir A. L. Jones Endowment Fund	1,000	0	0			
,, War Stock, 1925-1945 4½%	3,880	8	11			
,, Exchequer Bonds ...	100	0	0			
,, French War Loan (1st Instalment of purchase of £290 18*s.* 3*d.* ...	28	0	0			
,, War Scrip Vouchers ...	25	0	0			
				21,033	8	11
,, Building and Equipment— Lease of 224, 228, Great Portland Street	1,250	15	0			
Expenditure to 31st December, 1915 ...	44,371	9	3			
Carried forward	£45,622	4	3	£28,897	4	5

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	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward		80,000 11 5
,, Accumulated Funds:—		
Balance 31st Dec., 1914	30,724 7 10	
Add Legacy Exors. of Rev. J. W. Sawyer £2,220 10 11		
,, Special Donation of War Scrip Vouchers £25 0 0		
,, Balance of Investment Leeds Embossed Book Fund £56 3 7		
,, Transfer from Reserve £175 0 0		
	2,476 14 6	
Less Leeds Embossed Books Fund transferred £1,283 15 6		
,, Plant and Machinery (transferred to Building and Equipment £929 7 9		
,, Furniture (transferred to ditto) £137 13 6		
,, Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year ended 31st Dec., 1915 £254 2 2		
	2,604 18 11	
		30,596 3 5
Carried forward ...		£110,596 14 10

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	45,622 4 3	28,897 4 5
By Building, etc.		
Plant and Machinery £4,965 1 8		
Less Depreciation £426 9 10		
	4,538 11 10	
Furniture and Fittings £1809 7 5		
Less Depreciation £54 8 7		
	1,754 18 10	
Organ	1,250 0 0	
		53,165 14 11
,, Furniture and Fittings (Brighton Home) ...		727 5 4
,, Stock		2,417 6 3
,, Sundry Debtors	1,064 11 3	
Less Reserve for Bad and Doubtful Debts ...	25 0 0	
		1,039 11 3
,, Income Tax Recoverable ..		180 18 0
,, Cash at Bank and in hand		
At Bank, Dublin Branch £1,058 15 5		
At Bank, Book Plates £50 5 3		
In hand £155 0 0		
	1,264 0 8	
At Bank, Treasurers' Fund £3,834 9 5		
Ditto, Deposit Account £15,500 0 0		
	19,334 9 5	
Ditto, Building & Equipment Deposit Account £5,650 0 0		
Less Overdraft £936 16 8		
	4,713 3 4	
	£25,311 13 5	£86,428 0 2

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ...	110,596	14	10
	£110,596	14	10

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	25,311	13	5	86,428	0	2
By Cash, etc.—						
Book Plates, Deposit Account	300	0	0			
	25,611	13	5			
Less Overdraft, Current Account £1415 13 5						
Ditto, Secretary's Petty Cash Account £27 5 4						
	1,442	18	9			
				24,168	14	8
				£110,596	14	10

The Secretary-General certifies that the Institute has upwards of 109,167 plates, which are used for producing the books in circulation and specified in the Institute's Catalogue. These are of the approximate value to the Institute of £9.820 19*s.* 0*d.*, but if sold as old metal on the 31st December, 1915, they would have realised £2,764 4*s.* 9*d.* They are not included in the above Balance Sheet.

JOHN TENNANT } *Members of the*
M. SIDNEY PARRY } *Executive Council.*

We report that we have obtained all the information and explanations, which we have required, and that in our opinion the Balance Sheet at the 31st December, 1915, is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Institute's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us, and as shown by the books of the Institute.

JACKSON, PIXLEY, BROWNING, HUSEY & CO.,
Chartered Accountants,
Auditors.

58, COLEMAN STREET, E.C
11*th May*, 1916.

Dr. **TREASURER'S FUND for the year ending 31st December, 1915.** *Cr.*

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Donation and Collections, etc., net sum···				25,334	9	5	By Transfer to Income and Expenditure General Account				6,000	0	0
							,, Cash Balances—						
							Deposit Account ···	15,500	0	0			
							Cash at Bank ···	3,834	9	5			
											19,334	9	5
				£25,334	9	5					£25,334	9	5